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CHARLESTON, IL--Kelly Waldrup (Coulterville) completed her third season with the Eastern Illinois University softball team at the final AIAW Division II College World Series, May 20-23 in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Panthers placed third in the WCWS and finished the season with a 45-8 record. It is the most wins in EIU history in any sport.

"Kelly demonstrated total concentration in every situation," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "The entire team looked to her for leadership."

Waldrup, a catcher, was named to the 15-member AIAW Division II All-American team and the 12-member Division II Women's College World Series All-Championship squad.

She caught 43 games committing just three errors for a fielding average of .985. Waldrup hit an even .250 (32 for 128) leading the Panthers in triples with five. She was third in RBIs with 20 and was five-for-five in stolen bases.

"She was the key to our enthusiasm when we took the field. We are thrilled she was selected as an All-American . . . she deserves the honor," concluded coach D'Abbraccio.

Waldrup was also named All-State for the second consecutive year and to the Region 5 All-American squad for the '82 season.

A physical education major, Waldrup is a 1979 graduate of Coulterville High School where she played for coach Chloe Gower.

Kelly is the daughter of Roger and Carlene Waldrup in Coulterville.